

# Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney for Patent Application

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I believe I am an original, first and joint inventor of the subject matter that is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled Nucleic Acid Molecules and Other Molecules Associated With Plants, the specification of which is filed herewith unless the following box is checked:

- was filed on \_\_\_\_\_;  
as United States Application Number \_\_\_\_\_; and  
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Prior Foreign Application(s)	Priority Claimed		
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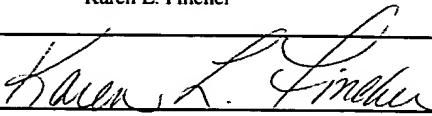
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